

The Syrian Conflict Population Crisis

THESIS: Although Syria's population almost quadrupled from 1971 to 2009, the nation has seen a rapid decrease in recent years, because refugees facing starvation, chemical weapons, and heavy violence due to the civil conflict have fled to Turkey

- **Reasons for Decrease in Population Include:**
 - **Starvation**
 - 800,000 Syrians are under siege which makes citizens **unable to receive food, medical supplies, or humanization aid**
 - Forced to eat weeds, grass, and wood
 - **Use of Chemical Weapons**
 - United Nations have concluded there has been chemical weapon use during the Syrian Conflict
 - 1,300 have been killed (mostly children and woman) during an attack in Ghouta
 - United States and Russia created agreement to **eliminate Syria's chemical use** in 2014
 - **Heavy Violence**
 - Talk of peace has **created an even bloodier Civil War**
 - **140,000 have died** so far (this number does not include the 180,000 people missing)
- **Seeking aid from neighboring countries such as Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, and Turkey where they lack food, shelter, and clean water**
 - Coming to the country with no money and only the clothes they come wearing

